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Newsline

A glance at news affecting Laughlin

Anthrax vaccine

Anthrax vaccine education is made readily available to the XL team. This public site is available to all military (active duty and reserve) and their family members.

To access the official DoD Information Web Site link, go to the Laughlin Home Page/Organizations/47 MDG. Once there, you can gain anthrax vaccine information such as: (1) What it is (2) What it does (3) Its effectiveness (4) Schedule for personnel and shot frequency (5) Disqualification criteria.

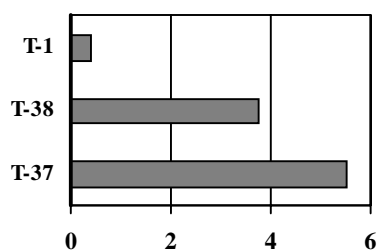
Other areas include: hot topics, newsletter, reader mail, the docu center, policies, adverse reporting, and related policies.

Additional information can be obtained from Public Health/Immunizations Flight at 6380 or 6469. Learn your ABC's on your desk top. Education is the key to unlocking the vault.

47 FTW mission status

(As of Sept. 21)

Student Timeline



Days (+ ahead / - behind)

Sorties flown in FY 99:
65,569

Hours flown in FY 99:
98,369.4

Pilot wings earned in FY 99:
324

Pilot wings earned since 1963:
11,349

Train strikes car near Laughlin

By Staff Sgt. Reginal Woodruff

Public affairs

A military family member was injured when the car she was driving was struck by a train near the Laughlin main gate at about 9:55 p.m. Tuesday.

Jennifer Mull, wife of 2nd Lt. Jeff Mull, a student pilot assigned to the 84th Flying Training Squadron here, received minor injuries as a result of the accident. She was transported to Val Verde Medical Center where she was treated and released.

Officials from the base, the Union Pacific railroad police, the Val Verde County Sheriff's Office and the Texas Department of Public Safety arrived on the scene within minutes of the accident.

The mishap occurred as Mull crossed the railroad tracks adjacent to the main gate. "I was driving someone's car going into the base," said Mull. "I was somewhat unfamiliar with the car; it is a standard shift. Approaching the tracks, I was trying to shift gears and dim the lights – the car has daytime running lights."

Mull described the terror that came over her as she realized she was in the path of the train.

"I didn't see or hear the train – and didn't realize I was close to the track," she said. "I do recall seeing red lights, but I thought they were the lights on the fence at the main gate. When I saw

the train barreling down on me, I froze; I felt like a deer in headlights. The train hit me, and I spun around. I thought I was going back into the train and that the car was going to catch on fire, so I took off my seatbelt, got out and crawled away from the car."

The car stopped about 35 feet from the tracks in the grass to the right of Liberty Drive, and debris was scattered over 100 feet. The impact was on the driver's side near the rear – three feet behind the driver's door.

"I thank the Lord I'm alive," said Mull. "I'm also grateful to the conductor who stayed with me until the ambulance arrived and the security forces who responded so quickly."

According to Sharon Reeves, 47th Flying Training Wing safety office, there hasn't been an accident at the tracks here in more than 25 years, but the potential is there daily.

"We (Laughlin) got off lucky this time – but next time we may not be so lucky," said Capt. Christopher Deguelle, 47th Security Forces Squadron. "It is common for people to proceed through the flashing red lights. We have had several close calls with people either trying to beat the train or not paying attention," the captain continued.

"Endangering your life and the lives of others isn't worth the two minutes of time you'll save."

Deguelle pointed out that there are signs posted on both sides of the tracks that warn drivers not to proceed when a train is in sight or can be heard. The 47 SFS is issuing citations with a \$40 fine to drivers who fail to stop for an approaching train.

Officials are continuing to investigate this accident and to seek ways to prevent a more tragic event from occurring in the future.



Photo by Airman Bradley Pettit

These signs on both sides of the train tracks warn motorists of the dangers of crossing while a train approaches.



Photo by Steve Miller

A view from the back of the car hit by a train just outside the Laughlin main gate Tuesday. The vehicle ended up 35 feet from the point of impact, and debris was scattered over 100 feet.

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Why do you stay?

By Lt. Col.
H. F. Myers
87th Flying Training
Squadron commander

The other day, a civilian friend asked in passing, "Why do you stay?" Offering immediate witty reply, I readily satisfied my inquisitor's curiosity. But I found putting the query to rest not so simple. Mulling the question some minutes, which turned to hours, which malingered into days, the answer proved very slow in coming. It was not because I didn't know why I was in. Nor was it because I didn't grasp the personally profitable and morally just reasons to get out. Rather, the longer I pondered the more obvious it became I'd never considered not to.

Early in my service, I awoke one Sunday morn to the horrifying news of a terrorist bombing in Beirut, Lebanon. The target was a U.S. Marine barracks in a distant land, in an all-too-distant conflict. Hundreds of American soldiers were killed or wounded as they slept. The dazed survivors struggled valiantly to dig out brethren trapped beneath the mountainous rubble. In the aftermath, the remaining U.S. forces were withdrawn; the mission, the city and the cause abandoned to the barbarous, warring militias.

A few days later, Gen. Paul Kelly, Marine Corps commandant, visited a number of the wounded survivors evacuated to the military hospital in Frankfurt, Germany. Among the casualties called upon was a se-

verely wounded corporal, Jeffrey Nashton. There were so many tubes connected to what remained of a once supremely fit body, that a witness dourly noted Nashton looked more machine than man.

As the general neared, Nashton motioned for paper and pen. Unable to speak, barely able to move and so racked with pain that he winced with each movement, he determinedly scrawled his message, folded it once and held it out to the commandant. On the slip of paper were two words – "Semper Fi" – a Latin phrase meaning forever faithful. Nashton, out of his silent suffering, spoke untold volumes for the millions who stayed the course, sacrificing limb, body and life for their country – those who remained faithful.

Clarence Jordan was a uniquely gifted and talented man. He held two doctorates, one in agriculture and one in Hebrew, and could easily have chosen to do anything he desired, yet chose to serve. He purchased a farm in the deep South, setting up a self-supporting work project for the poor; providing shelter and employment for whites and blacks alike. The local community was none too taken with the notion, doing everything and anything to put an end to the farm. They boycotted; they harassed; they vandalized. For 14 years, they vainly strove to stop Clarence.

Finally, annoyed by the town's failure, the Ku Klux Klan embraced the cause, arriving late one summer's eve employing their usual assortment of inducements. They burned; they shot; they pillaged. The hooded clansmen chased off all but one of the families.

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Air Force heritage older than 52 years

KELLY AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – A stroke of the pen and it was complete. President Harry S. Truman signed the National Security Act, and the Air Force became a service unto itself, separate from and equal to the Army and Navy.

Saturday marks the 52nd anniversary of that act, but not necessarily the birth of the nation's Air Force.

Air power advocates had long been clamoring for the creation of an air-based branch of service. The role aerial forces played in World War I on reconnaissance and bombing missions made for persuasive arguments, as did Col. Billy Mitchell's essays and speeches on air power.

Convinced of the pivotal power air-based assaults could bear, Mitchell staged a demonstration of air power in 1921, in which bombers, under his command, sank three captured German ships – including the Ostfriesland, claimed to be unsinkable.

While impressive, the demonstration was not sufficient to change minds toward air power. To do that took passage of the 1926 U.S. Army Air Corps Act first, which provided space and relative independence for the corps to expand. It also required another demonstration, in the form of another world war.

When the question of a separate air service came up again, Gen. Henry "Hap" Arnold, commanding general of the Army Air Forces, was ready with plans for the new Air Force. At the signing of the act in 1947, Lt. Gen. James "Jimmy" Doolittle commented, "this is the day Billy Mitchell dreamed of."

(AFPN)

Actionline

Call 298-5351

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the *Border Eagle*. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.

Dan R. Goodrich
Col. Dan R. Goodrich

47th Flying Training Wing commander



AAFES	298-3176
Accounting and Finance	298-5204
Civil Engineer	298-5252
Civilian Personnel	298-5299
Commissary	298-5815
Dormitory manager	298-5213
Hospital	298-6311
Housing	298-5904
Inspector General	298-5638
Legal	298-5172
Military Personnel	298-5073
Public Affairs	298-5988
Security Forces	298-5900
Services	298-5810
Social Actions	298-5400
FWA hotline	298-4170

Call: I am calling in regard to the one way traffic at the base service station gas pumps. The majority of vehicles have left side-refueling receptacles. Left side vehicles cannot refuel in the left lane at the one way pumps because the hoses cannot reach around the vehicles (I have a small Honda Civic and the hoses will not reach around it). The one way plan has created a bottleneck at the pumps

with left side vehicles waiting for the right lane while the left lane goes empty or underutilized. The volume of traffic at the Laughlin fueling station does not justify one way pumps. Thank you.

Response: Thank you for your inquiry regarding the gas pumps at the shoppette/service station. Since we opened the shoppette in February, we have had some traffic flow problems – to include a few vehicle acci-

dents. Because of this, we have determined that the best means of controlling traffic in the parking lot is to designate it as one way.

We have ordered longer hoses to replace all hoses on the left side of the pump islands. This will allow cars with gas tanks on the left side to refuel from the left as well as the right side. Estimated replacement date is Sept. 30.

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***"Excellence –
not our goal, but
our standard."***
– 47 FTW motto

Safety Stats

As of Sept. 21
(Fiscal Year)

	'99	Total '98
On-duty mishaps	5	11
Off-duty mishaps	12	7
Traffic mishaps	2	4
Sports & Rec mishaps	6	3
Fatalities	0	2

Laughlin welcomes community to "Air Amistad '99" Oct. 17

Amistad '99, the annual air show of Laughlin, is slated for Oct. 17 with a collection of Air Force and historic fighters, bombers, trainers and enormous cargo planes. The free public air show will kick off Fiesta de Amistad, Del Rio's largest and most festive event of the year.

Wings of Blue, the Air Force Academy's world famous parachute free-fall team, will officially launch Air Amistad as cadets perform precision airdrops from a Lockheed C-130 Hercules.

Following Wings of Blue, demonstration aircraft will take to the air and perform aerial feats by the XL team (T-1A, T-38, T-37 in formation). Aerial demonstrations by the A-10 Warthog and F/A-18 are also scheduled. An F/A-18 from the Confederate Air Force also will be on hand as well as an F-117 Stealth fighter fly over, which promises to impress the most avid aircraft enthusiast.

"Air Amistad promises to be more exciting than previous years with the variety of aircraft and entertainment we have planned," said Capt. Tony Holmes, chief

of the 47th Transportation Division and Air Amistad '99 ground boss.

The T-1, T-37, T-38, C-130, A-10, B-1, B-2, F-117, F-4U, AT-6, T-34, B-25 and KC-135 are among the many aircraft flying at this year's air show. There will also be several static displays, including an F-16, C-17, KC-135, C-5, A-10, KC-10, F-15, C-9 and a C-130.

More than half of Laughlin's massive parking ramp will be filled with static aircraft assigned to active duty, Guard and Reserve units from across the nation. Thirty concession booths representing units and organizations on base will provide the public with food, drinks and air show mementos.

Ground demonstrations, exhibits, aircraft mock-ups and static aircraft displays are among the many forms of ground entertainment planned.

"Air Amistad provides a platform to bring the communities of Ciudad Acuna and Del Rio together in an international setting, making it a true international air show," said Holmes. "Everyone is invited."

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Photo by Guillermo Lopez

We remember...

Col. Dan R. Goodrich, 47th Flying Training Wing commander, and Col. (Ret.) James Lamar, former prisoner of war, render a salute in front of a wreath placed in memory of POWs and those missing in action. Lamar was the guest speaker at the wing's special retreat ceremony for POW/MIA day at the base flagpole Sept. 17.

Base celebrates Hispanic-American Heritage Month Sept. 15 – Oct. 15

(Courtesy Hispanic Heritage Committee)

In 1968, Public Law 90-498 and a presidential proclamation dedicated one week during the month of September as Hispanic Heritage Week. On Aug. 17, 1988, Public Law 100-402 increased the observance period from one week to one month by designating Sept. 15 – Oct. 15 National Hispanic-American Heritage Month.

This observance period is set aside annually to recognize the achievements and contributions Hispanic-Americans have made to the Hispanic community and our nation. Like other special observances, Hispanic-American Heritage Month is designed to enhance cross-cultural awareness and promote harmony among military members, civilian personnel, their family members, and members of the local community. This year's theme for observance is: "A Vision for the 21st Century."

The Hispanic-American Heritage Month Observance Committee is planning events to celebrate the observance. These events will be advertised soon. For more information, please contact Gloria Vigil at 5411, Tech. Sgt. Elizabeth Mathews at 4836, or the base Military Equal Opportunity office at 5400.



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The *XLer*

Hometown: Ashland, Wis.

Time at Laughlin: Six months.

Time in service: 17 years.

Why did you join the Air Force? For a challenging, interesting and rewarding career.

Name one way to improve life at Laughlin: Never forget that the mission and taking care of our people drives what we do.

Greatest accomplishment: Not necessarily great, but reasonably infamous – taking radio station WWV off the air for 10 minutes.

Long-term goals: When I retire, go home and build my own house, raise a couple of horses and go fishing.

Hobbies: Amateur radio, astronomy, photography, music and travel.

Favorite food: Grilled bratwurst met sauerkraut.

Favorite beverage: Belgian bier.

Bad habit: Telling people I don't have bad habits.

Motto: Whatever you do, do it right and do it once.

If you could spend one hour with any person in history, who would it be and why? The librarian at Alexandria. He could point out interesting manuscripts to read.



Photo by Zenaphir Bond

Master Sgt. Jesse W. Ohlsson
47th Communications Squadron

Chapel Schedule

Catholic

- Daily Mass** 12:05 p.m.
- Saturday Mass** 5 p.m.
- Sunday Mass** 9:30 a.m.
- Confession** 4:15 - 4:45 p.m. Saturday, or by appointment.
- Choir** 6 p.m. Thursdays.
- Sunday school** 11 a.m., religious education building.

fellowship hall.

-Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., religious education building.

-Awana, Wednesdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m.

(For more information on AWANA, call Mike or Karen Silver at 298-3247).

Protestant

- General worship 11 a.m.
- Bible study video luncheon 11 a.m. Thursday, chapel

Jewish

- Max Stool
- 219 West Strickland St.
- Del Rio, Texas
- Phone: 775-4519

For more information on chapel events and services, call 5111.



Chief of Staff Survey spins itself onto Web, beginning Thursday

By Staff Sgt.
Jason Tudor

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Booting up a computer and connecting to the World Wide Web could afford someone the opportunity to change how the Air Force spends its money and the way it does its business.

The 1999 Air Force Chief of Staff Survey, a poll to gain understanding of quality of life and organizational climate issues, begins Sept. 30. The Air Force conducted a similar survey in 1997 and more than 206,000 airmen and civilians responded.

This is, however, the first time the survey will be available via the Web. Users can log on to the survey's home page and take the survey there. The site is secure and allows users to remain anonymous throughout the process, according to Capt. Scott Hopkins, one of the chief architects behind creating the technology for the massive polling effort for the CSAF Survey team.

"Survey participants should feel completely comfortable with using the Web site," he said. It's simple, quick and allows users to come and go as they need."

Between collection of statistics and actual answering of questions, the survey can take about 30 minutes, Hopkins said. So the design team has built in a feature to allow users to stop and start again. Participants will be given a user name and password for re-entry on to the site.

Once completed, the survey information enters a database for later use. In the 1997 survey, results weren't available until almost the middle of 1998; however, Hopkins said technology allows for the information to be collected, crunched and understood faster.

"It's really a quantum leap forward," he said, "and the best part is participants and those who did not participate will see the results come forward that much faster. It's really great."

Once the numbers are crunched, a report is prepared for commanders at nearly every level. Survey results will help Air Force leaders improve areas where people perceive problems, said Capt. Pete Berg, also with the survey team.

"Once commanders have the report in their hands, they can choose to do anything they want with it. The emphasis," he said, "is for commanders to really get a handle on their organization's current state of being and how airmen feel about the force they serve with. Then, to get out there and talk to their people about the results, and create positive change."

"We think it will be a very valuable tool for them," Berg added.

The quality-of-life portion of the survey addresses base-level community and educational programs, personnel tempo, compensation, medical care, housing and retirement programs. The organi-

zational climate portion asks questions about core values, job characteristics, unit resources and more.

Ultimately, the goal is to get as many people involved with taking the survey as possible. Berg said the survey will also be available in a localized, personal computer based form for those not-so-

Web savvy customers.

Two years ago, survey respondents helped get "one-plus-one" dormitories created, Berg said. And what can the future hold?


"Just about anything," he said. "Everything that comes from the survey comes directly from the input we receive," he con-

cluded. "Why miss a chance to give an opinion to the Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. Michael Ryan?"

The last chance to take the survey will be Oct. 29. Commanders should receive final reports between January and March, Berg said.

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From the Blotter

(47th Security Forces Squadron)



Sept. 11 – The Del Rio Police Department called the law enforcement desk to report the arrest of a military member for unlawfully carrying a concealed weapon.

Sept. 11 – Security forces and ambulance services responded to a medical emergency in the base housing area. A dependent spouse was transported to Val Verde Medical Center for further evaluation.

Sept. 14 – The Law Enforcement Desk received a call from county emergency services reporting a possible medication overdose. Security forces and ambulance services responded. A dependent spouse was transported to Val Verde Medical Center for care.

Note: Are you going TDY, planning a trip out of the country, or simply want crime infor-

mation for your local area? The following websites can provide valuable information on crime prevention, news and anti-terrorism.

Air Force Security Forces at www.afsf.lackland.af.mil; Federal Bureau of Investigations at www.fbi.gov; US Department of State at www.state.gov; Crime Information and News at www.apbonline.com; World Intelligence Reports at www.stratfor.com; Terrorism at www.milnet.com/milnet/terrorism; Texas Department of Public Safety at www.txdps.state.tx.us; U.S. Customs Service at www.customs.ustreas.gov; U.S. Border Patrol, Del Rio Sector at www.ins.doj.gov/lawenfor/bpatrol/index.htm; U.S. Department of Justice at www.usdoj.gov and Drug Enforcement Agency at www.usdoj.gov/dea.

47th Medical Group

People on base are often referred to other installations for medical care and are required to get travel orders.

Requirements don't end once a person receives medical temporary duty orders from the 47th Medical Group. Upon returning from the appointment, a travel voucher must be completed at the finance office within five days.

Recently, a number of people haven't filed travel vouchers and the finance office has been unable to reconcile its accounts pending the neglected claims. All personnel must complete a voucher it is not an option it is a requirement.



Pollution prevention week promotes recycling, conservation

National Pollution Prevention Week ends Sunday, and people across America are promoting conservation programs and energizing people in the fight against pollution during the observance.

Pollution prevention simply means to stop waste before it's created so there is little or no

need to control, treat or dispose of it. Environmental experts say pollution prevention is the most effective way to protect human health and our natural resources.

The Air Force recognizes the importance of balancing its mission requirements with the responsibility of sustaining a healthy environment; therefore,

pollution prevention programs in the Air Force include reducing waste, reusing existing materials and products, recycling materials and products into new products and finding alternatives to using hazardous materials.

While the Air Force, other government agencies and businesses continue to make strides

in waste reduction efforts, the Environmental Protection Agency encourages everyone to make pollution prevention a part of their routine.

Those who discard aluminum cans, newspapers, and paper – all recyclable material that ends up in landfills – are sending the wrong message. Wast-

ing recyclable material hurts everybody, denigrates the base's recycling programs and negatively impacts the environmental and economical health of our communities.

Landfills are quickly filling and options for new ones are dwindling. Americans throw out 39 million newspapers a day, the equivalent of about 500,000 trees per week. Fewer trees increase global warming and pollutants in the air. Paper recycling efforts conserve an estimated 200,000 trees each year. By reducing waste, reusing items and recycling, less trash goes into landfills.

Congress reports that Americans annually produce millions of tons of pollution, and spend tens of billions of dollars per year to control it.

Together we can make a difference to protect our quality of life and secure a cleaner and healthier environment for future generations.

Pollution Prevention Week began in 1992 in California at the grass roots level and quickly spread throughout the country. Scores of government leaders at all levels issue proclamations declaring support of the annual celebration. Pollution is everybody's problem. Pollution prevention is everybody's responsibility. Let's all do our part to make "mother" happy during National Pollution Prevention Week. Recycle!

Courtesy (AETCNS)



Where are they now?

Name: Capt. Heath Shelburn
Class/Date of graduation from Laughlin: Class 90-01, October, 1989.

Aircraft you now fly and base you are stationed at: C-130 E, Little Rock Air Base, Ark.

Mission of your current aircraft: Theater airlift (airland and airdrop)

What do you like most about your current aircraft? The missions.

What one thing do you dislike about your current aircraft? The poor air-conditioning.

What was the most impor-

tant thing you learned from your time at Laughlin, besides learning how to fly? It can always be worse.

What is your most memorable experience from Laughlin? Capsizing a Hobie Cat on Lake Amistad on a weekday with no help for two hours (water temperature 58 degrees). We got cold as the sun went down.

What piece of advice would you give SUPT students at Laughlin? Relax! Work hard but don't stress yourself to the point you can't perform. If I can get through and graduate, anybody can.



Air Force photo of C-130 E

Question of the week

What talent show act will you perform and why?



“A vocalist. I enjoy singing.”

Stephanie Gonzales
47th Support Group



“The opening act. I was volunteered.”

**Airman 1st Class
Sherrie Johns**
47th Contracting Squadron



“Sing and dance to express myself artistically.”

**Senior Airman
Floyd Bea**
47th Medical Operations Squadron



“I’m doing a pointe solo dance because I like to dance. It is my favoite thing to do. I am also going to do a tap dance.”

Sabrina Silver
Daughter of Lt. Col. Mike and Karen Silver, 85th Flying Training Squadron

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Gates are scheduled to open at 9 a.m.

Anyone interested in details on Air Amistad ‘99 is welcome

to visit the informative website at www.laughlin.af.mil or call the Laughlin Air Show office at (830) 298-4135. Specific points of contact are listed below.

**Air Amistad ‘99
key contacts**

Maj. Al Shafer
Coordinator: 298-4135

Maj. “Hot Rod” Hamilton
Air boss: 298-5983

Capt. Tony Holmes
Ground boss: 298-5857

Jim Teet
Public affairs: 298-5980

Master Sgt. Linda Clark
Concession booths: 298-5856

Rich Urban
Ground entertainment: 298-5611



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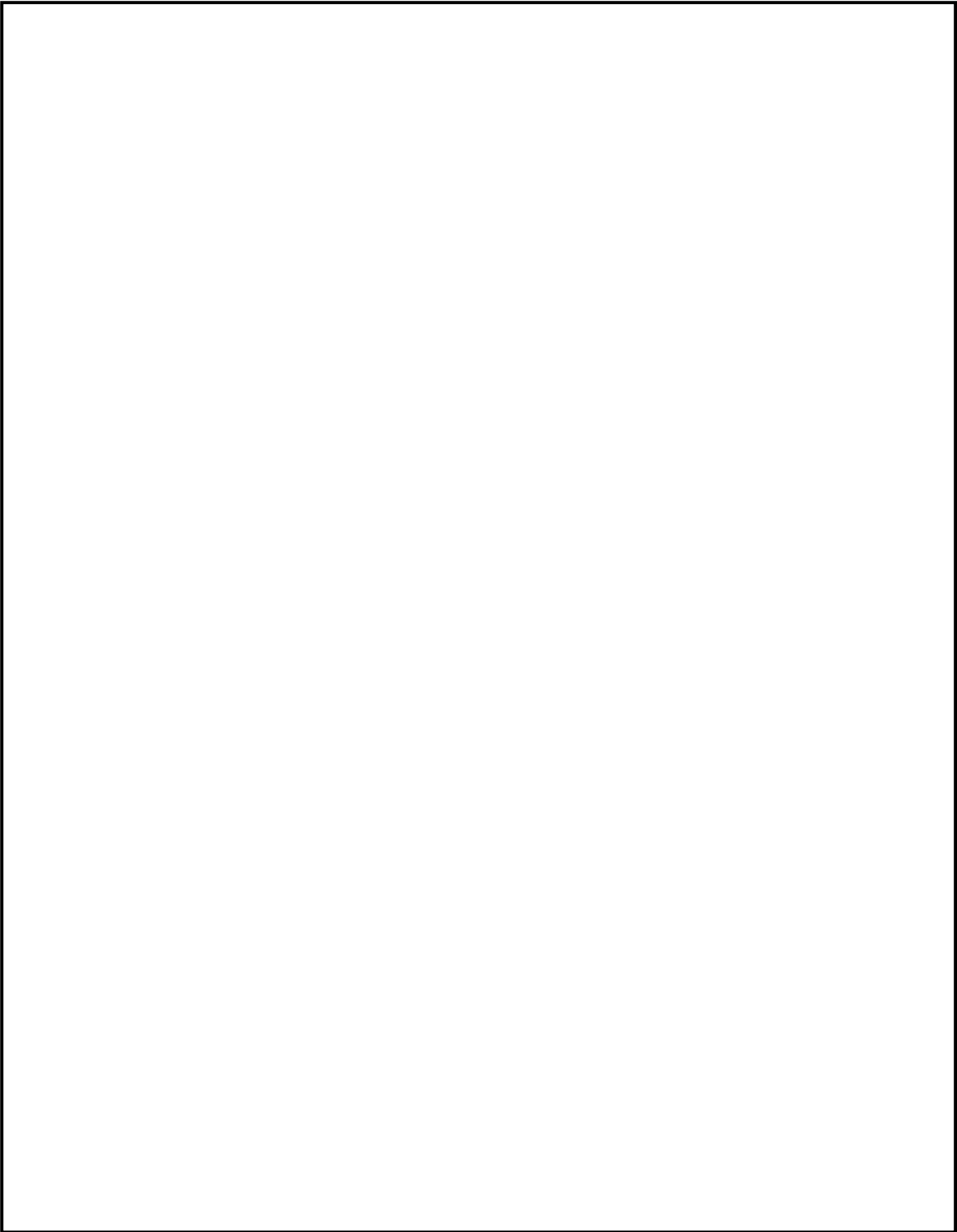
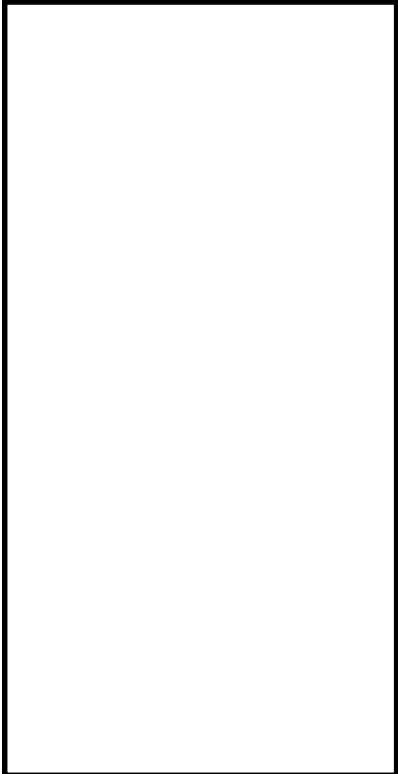
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Clarence recognized most voices behind the bed sheets, to include the local gazette’s sole reporter.

The following day, this same reporter returned, seemingly covering the previous evening’s foul events. The scorched earth of the farm still smoldering, he found Clarence hoeing and planting. “I heard the awful news,” the newspaperman said feigning concern, “and I came out to do a story on the tragedy of your farm closing.” Clarence kept toiling without response or even looking up. The frustrated reporter said in haughty tone, “Well, Dr. Jordan, you got two of them Ph.D.s and you’ve put 14 years into this farm, and there’s nothing left of it at all. Just how successful do you think you’ve been?”

Clarence stopped hoeing, and as the steam floated about his heels, he wheeled slowly and deliberately upon the reporter, and said with quiet resolution, “Sir, I don’t think you understand us. What we are about is not personal success but faithfulness. We’re staying. Good day.”

The question is not why, but *how*. The faithful remain as the bulwark: to stay the unending onslaught from without and within, of oppressors and suppressors, of martinets and sycophants, of terrorists and warlords, of pundits and politicians. How can one not?



Finance information essential to those separating, retiring

Military retirement or separation: retiring or separating members must outprocess through the financial services office in order to receive their final active duty pay. Members should present three copies of retirement or separation orders

to the customer service section, approximately 45 days before the anticipated permissive or terminal leave start date. Members will be briefed on the final disposition of their pay, allotments, and leave balances.

Commanders and first ser-

geants: when a member is pending a separation, commanders and first sergeants should provide written notification to the financial services office, customer service section as early as possible. Please include member's name, rank, so-

cial security number and estimated separation date. Finance must identify and collect all outstanding debt(s) due the U.S. government and compute final separation pay. Early notification is key to preventing the individual from separating with an indebtedness to the government. Additionally, units should expedite processing all leave documents for separating members.

Separation leave settlement: military members who

are discharged under "other than honorable" conditions forfeit all accrued leave to their credit at the time of discharge. Commanders may place these members in a leave status prior to separation. However, unused leave will be forfeited upon "other than honorable" discharge, without monetary compensation.

If there are questions on this information, please contact the 47th Comptroller Flight at 5203.



Border Eagle deadline
is *Thursday, the week prior to
the date of publication.*

Week 3, NFL football

Sunday:

Atlanta vs. St. Louis	12 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Carolina	12 p.m.
Cleveland vs. Baltimore	12 p.m.
Denver vs. Tampa Bay	12 p.m.
Detroit vs. Kansas City	12 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Buffalo	12 p.m.
Seattle vs. Pittsburgh	12 p.m.
Washington vs. N.Y. Jets	12 p.m.
Tennessee vs. Jacksonville	12 p.m.
Indianapolis vs. San Diego	3:05 p.m.
Chicago vs. Oakland	3:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Green Bay	3:15 p.m.
N.Y. Giants vs. New England	7:20 p.m.
Monday: San Francisco vs. Arizona	8 p.m.

The Player's Picks (for week 3)

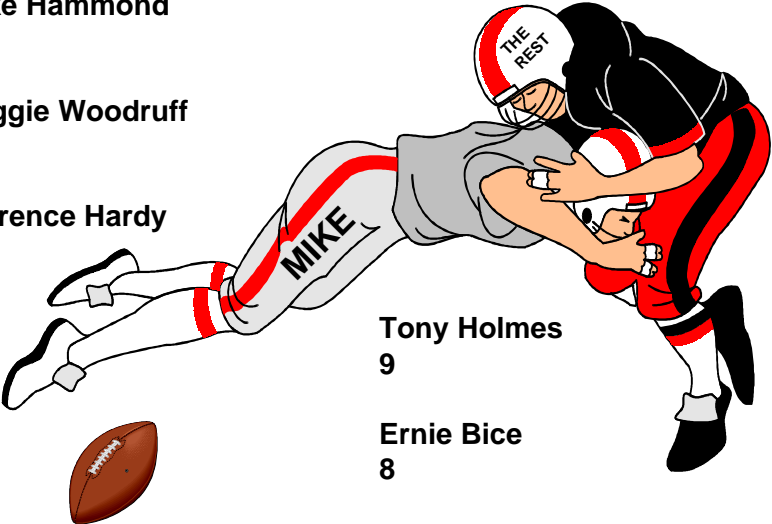
<i>Reggie Woodruff</i>	<i>Mike Hammond</i>	<i>Brad Pettit</i>	<i>Clarence Hardy</i>	<i>Ernie Bice</i>	<i>Tony Holmes</i>
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CAR	CAR	CIN	CAR	CIN	CAR
CLEV	BAL	BAL	BAL	BAL	BAL
TB	TB	DEN	TB	TB	TB
DET	K.C.	K.C.	K.C.	DET	K.C.
BUF	BUF	PHI	BUF	BUF	BUF
SEA	PIT	SEA	PIT	PIT	PIT
NYJ	WAS	WAS	NYJ	WAS	WAS
JAX	JAX	JAX	TEN	JAX	JAX
S.D.	IND	S.D.	S.D.	S.D.	IND
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MIN	MIN	G.B.	G.B.	MIN	G.B.
NYG	NYG	NYG	N.E.	N.E.	N.E.
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Player's points for week 2

Mike Hammond
12

Reggie Woodruff
10

Clarence Hardy
9



Tony Holmes
9

Ernie Bice
8

Brad Pettit 6

Hunting meeting

The Val Verde Military Sportsmans Club (base hunting club) is having a meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday. The meeting will be at the base theater. The topic of the meeting is the upcoming archery deer season – Oct. 2.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Kurt Rohl at 298-8855 or Senior Airman Munderback at 5860.

NCOA and PMEGA meeting

A meeting of the Noncommissioned Officers Association/Professional Military Education Graduates Association is scheduled for 11 a.m. Oct. 1 at the enlisted heritage hall.

These professional organizations provide Laughlin members a chance to get involved in base and community activities. Airmen as well as NCOs are welcome to attend and see the good things the NCOA and PMEGA are doing.

For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Chris Clauser at 5441.

Housing applicants

People renting/leasing quarters downtown while awaiting military housing, should keep the housing office informed of current phone numbers and lease length.

Reservist and Air National Guard personnel residing in military family housing whose original orders have expired must provide the housing office with a copy of amendments extending their active duty service.

For more information, call 5732.

“Trash-off”

The Air Force Sergeants Association here will have its quarterly “Trash-off” at 9 a.m. Saturday. Volunteers are asked to meet about seven miles east of the main gate along Hwy 90. Look for the Adopt-a-Highway sign with Air Force Sergeants Association on it.

The pick-up area will be two miles; it should take about an hour to 90 minutes.

Enlisted and civilian spouses club

The enlisted and civilian spouses club is open to all spouses of active duty or retired enlisted, DoD civilians and numbered Air Force employees.

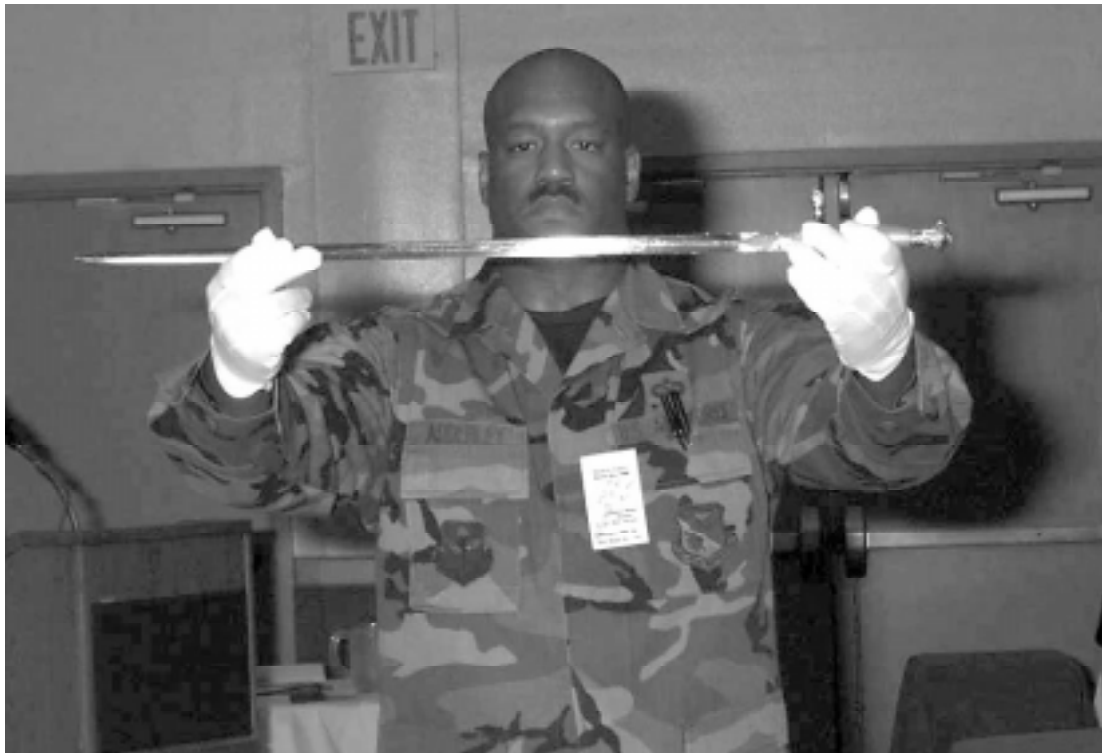
ECSC has social gatherings for various activities such as bowling, bingo, ice cream socials, shopping

trips, craft demonstrations, family picnics, and many other fun activities.

The organization has fundraisers throughout the year to earn money for scholarships, supporting youth sports teams, gift certificates for base quarterly award winners and other donations to help the base and local communities.

Monthly meetings are usually the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Club Amistad. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Board members are Kathy Harting, president; Sandy Harper, vice president; Adrean Varnadore, secretary;



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Combat Dining-Out

Top photo: Chief Master Sgts. Kenneth Fortin, Stephani Fortin, Douglas Baskin, Stephen Enyeart and Randy Crist, 47th Flying Training Wing command chief master sergeant, salute the head table following a trip to the grog bowl during the wing Enlisted Combat Dining-Out Saturday.

Bottom photo: Tech. Sgt. John Adderly presents the Untouched Sword to Crist during the ceremony. The event marked the first time the base opened a combat dining ceremony to spouses and civilian guests.

Sandy Williams, treasurer; Lynette Enyeart, Assistant Treasurer.

Registration

Registration for Park College's Fall II term starts Monday until Oct. 8. Come by building 316 or call 5593 for more information, or check www.park.edu for Internet registration dates and information.

Flowers

Flowers and shrubs for family housing residents will be available Saturday and Monday at the Pride Store.

If you have any questions, contact Nick Garza at 4356.

Club open house

There will be a welcome/open house at Club Amistad at 7 p.m. Tuesday. There will be food, fun and door prizes.

The reservation deadline is today. Call Sheri Robinson at 4769 or Lynette Enyeart at 0195.

Commander's roast

The Black Heritage Committee will host a Texas Style Roast for Col. Dan R. Goodrich, 47th Flying Training Wing commander, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 2 at Club XL.

The dress for the event is casual. Ticket cost is \$10, and tickets may be purchased in advance from members of the Black Heritage Committee or by calling Staff Sgt. Meelondrell Shabazz at 4861.

Everyone is encouraged to come say goodbye to the commander in an environment intended to be fun and relaxing.

For more information, contact Joni Jordan at 5914 or Shabazz.

College overseas

Annually, three Air Force officers are selected through the Olmsted Scholar Program to study at an overseas university for two years.

Those selected study a foreign language and gain in-depth knowledge of the social, political and economic characteristics of a foreign country.

Officers interested in applying should contact the military personnel flight customer service office to obtain a sample application package.